American Mission Seminary Batticotta Jaffna Ceylon.
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My dear Benefactors,

A fair opportunity at hand constains me to address you the fifth time and I not being discouraged on my task of writing time to time & making you acquaint with things passing here, take the present time also to inform you a few particulars respecting me. I am & must be, in doubt whether my letters reached your homes and you through their medium were brought to know all things respecting me or not. To remedy my long doubts, I shall briefly bring to your notice all particulars pointed out in them beginning from my admission in the Seminary 1832. I was first roused to feel of my sinful state & to inquire of myself — What will be my future state, if I take the course of sinners and lastly die as they? This question had an influence in me not of a small degree that I lastly ran to Jesus and embraced him as my saviour, master, and leader. My long experience teaches me. How precious and sweet a friend is Jesus to those who overcome Satan the formidable enemy of his and ours; and cannot we from this infer that the saying — Thou hast hid it from the wise and the learned and made it known to babes — is literally fulfilled in us?

This seminary consists of 150 boys who are divided into 6 classes; and the last of them is a preparatory class. Each class is under the care of a superintendant; Rev. H. R. Hoisington

the Principal and Dr Ward the Profesor. About half
of the Seminarists are Church members. There is one yr or
for me to be graduated. I am now learning with
the second-class which consists of sixteen lads. My
present studies are Robbin's history, Young's Night-
thoughts, Enfield's Philosophy and Mathematical
studies such as Navigation &c, &c.

If you permit me to state a few things
of this station I will embrace that how we have
"three societies" which are Evangelical, Moral, and
Bible societies. I mean in this station. These societies
are gradually increasing with subscribers. And
especially about the Evangelical & Moral societies.
I may as well be firm in quoting "that these societies
as I hope, are founded on the rock of ages". Petitions
are gathering, & the infallible descriptions of the manner
of conducting these, presents a glad & joyful support
to their maintenance. I pray always that they
might be polished with the golden rules of the Gospel
& be cleansed with the Holy Spirit of the Supreme God who
is able to prosper of those undertakings founded with a belief
put upon him. I always remember the verse "To whom much
is given of him much shall be required". It is very true
that I have received more than any of my friends & therefore
I am required to commit more. The attainments of know-
ledge & wisdom which I have received by your char-
itable & kind efforts press me to immitate the doings of the
Apostles and especially Christ. These attainments, I suppose,
without even any least approbation, will bring into pay-
ment of everlasting misery and treachery. I do not know
that I have any least reason to believe, that God
had dealt with me with no profitable and conscientious
dealings in treating me so kindly and with profitable talents,
which he has given me by the aid of my kind Missionaries.

It is impossible that I or any who could have an enlightened mind should think that they have not been supplied with all good things & wants, which have done in, from the earliest age down to the present time. Therefore I may conclude that all who have a clear light upon this would, or would comply with my suggestion. Lastly, I am now solicited more by your charity much more by God in order to distribute my time in the various services appropriated to the propogation of the Gospel truth. In order that I may fulfil this object I wish you, dear Benefactors, to think me always in secret and public devotions. So I will in all my prayers give and will about you, that God may be

N. B. I am forced, however, to hint you at the following point that – As my situation after all learning had I no suitable books; is just like that of an architect who has no plumb-line, rolls &c, &c, &c, I submit the case to your considerations and wait for such a necessaries before my graduation

I am, Your beneficiary

S. Miller